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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, PGOV, WB, POL

SUBJECT: LOT INTEREST IN AIR SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN

1. AS REQUESTED BY UK MISSION, SEDZIWIY, NUMBER- TWO MAN  
IN POLISH MILITARY MISSION, CALLED ON BRITISH DEPUTY  
POLAD APRIL 16 TO DISCUSS RECENT MINOR LOT INFRACTIONS OF AIR  
SAFETY RULES. AFTER PROMISING TO PASS THE WORD ON TO LOT,  
SEDZIWIY ASKED WHAT ALLIED ATTITUDE WOULD BE IF LOT  
ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO LAND AT TEGEL. HE STRESSED  
INQUIRY WAS OFF THE CUFF AND UNOFFICIAL. UK DEPUTY  
POLAD REPLIED THAT IT WAS CLEARLY SOMETHING THAT WOULD  
HAVE TO BE EXAMINED CAREFULLY IF REQUEST WERE PUT FORWARD  
OFFICIALLY. HE SAID THAT IN BROAD TERMS ALLIES WERE NOT  
OPPOSED TO ADDITIONAL AIRLINES COMING  
TO BERLIN AND SEDZIWIY WOULD BE AWARE PERMISSION HAD BEEN  
GRANTED " IN PRINCIPLE" FOR FLIGHTS TO TEGEL BY AUA  
AND SAS. UK DEPUT POLAD SAID THAT AT SAME TIME  
AUA AND SAS HAD BEEN GIVEN CLEARANCE, ALLIES HAD INDICATED  
THAT UNTIL EFFECTS OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN  
DIGESTED THEY WOULD PROBABLY NOT WISH TO AGREE TO  
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STILL MORE AIRLINES FLYING INTO BERLIN.

2. IN DISCUSSING ABOVE CONVERSATION WITH UK AND FRENCH MISSION, WE HAVE CHALLENGED WHETHER PRESENTATION WAS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF CURRENT ALLIED POSITION ON ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICES COMING TO BERLIN, AND INDICATED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, WE REGARDED SUCH AN UNCLEARED PRESENTATION TO AN EAST EUROPEAN OFFICIAL AS IMPOLITIC.

3. SEDZIWIY ALSO INFORMED UK MISSION THAT LOT WAS THINKING ABOUT OPENING AN OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. UK DEPUTY POLAD INDICATED APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO SENAT IN FIRST INSTANCE. WE HAVE ALERTED LATTER THAT IF THERE IS ANY FOLLOW- UP, POLES SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT STAFF MEMBERS WILL REQUIRE ALLIED PERMISSION TO RESIDE IN WESTERN SECTORS AND THAT OFFICE MUST NOT BE SUBORDINATE TO LOT OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN. KLEIN

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